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April 7, 1880-d&wt

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Claims for Pension and Increase Pension a specialty. Feb. 12, 1880-wdms

Trouble With Farm Accounts.

Agriculture, in Country Gentleman. I have frequently seen articles in your columns, recommending farmers to keep a debtor and credit account with each field, or with each crop. The plan would seem to be an excellent one, if it could be carried out successfully, as it would enable an intelligent farmer to know what particular crops were the most profitable, and if he found some were being raised at no profit at all, or at a positive loss, he could either abandon their culture altogether, or devote means to produce them more cheaply. We who are farmers must admit there is entirely too much of what might be called "slipshod" farming—"going it blind," as it were. The merchant purchases his goods for a certain price, and after making allowance for necessary losses, rents, wages and other expenses, can mark his selling price, so as to afford him a reasonable profit. The manufacturer, too, knowing the cost of the raw material, and the different items of expenses in the process of manufacture, can tell at what price the manufactured article must be disposed of, in order to make his business a paying one.

It must be admitted, however, that the farmer's case differs widely from either of the two above mentioned, for even granting that he knows what a bushel of wheat or corn costs him, he has no alternative but to accept what the dealer or miller chooses to give him or not dispose of it at all. But in keeping the accounts alluded to, there are certain difficulties which are not so easily overcome. For instance, we may take field No. 1, and commence with plowing; but how are we to charge for a pair of horses and man? I would not say \$2.50 or \$3 per day as some do, but just what they cost, if that could be ascertained. Because we might be able occasionally to hire out a team for the above figures, when not in use, this is no reason why we should charge our crop with that price. Of course the cost of the man could be easily ascertained, by estimating the price paid per month and his board, but not so with the team. Again, suppose a dressing of manure is to be applied; at what price is the manure to be put into the account? Our neighbor might be willing to give us \$1 or \$2 per load, as the case might be; but it would be manifestly unfair to charge the field or crop that price, unless it really cost us that much—and by what process of arithmetic are we to determine what it did cost? And again, granting that we have ascertained the cost satisfactorily, we should know, approximately at least, what proportion of its value is taken up by the crop to which it is applied, and what remains for the permanent enrichment of the soil.

These are some of the difficulties which have beset my path; could some light be shed thereon by some of our correspondents, it might be a relief to others as well as myself.

ROCKBRIDGE, ILL., June 7, 1879. Messrs. MORRIS & AILEN, 59 John St., New York City:

Dear Sirs—Enclosed we send you a testimonial of the efficacy of your "Constitution Water" by H. J. M. P. WASHBURN, of this State—extensively known throughout the United States—which you are at perfect liberty to publish for the benefit of suffering humanity.

Yours respectfully, J. KEELY & CO.

Messrs. J. KEELY & CO. Sirs—The "Constitution Water" I bought of you is a good medicine, and I cheerfully recommend it to those afflicted with the diseases it is intended to cure.

Respectfully yours, J. M. P. WASHBURN. Sold by W. C. Armstrong, druggist, April 24th.

Rev. Geo. H. Thayer, of Bourbon, Ind., known to every one in this vicinity as a most influential citizen and Christian minister of the M. E. Church, says: "I wish everybody to know that I consider that both myself and wife owe our lives to your 'Lancet Back, Side or Chest, don't fail to use Shiloh's Pore Ointment. We recommend these remedies." Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner.

Do You Believe It. That in this town there are scores of persons passing our store every day whose lives are made miserable by Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Sour and distended Stomach, Liver Complaint, Constipation, when for 75 cents we will sell them Shiloh's Vitalizer, guaranteed to cure them. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner.

SHILOH'S CATARRH REMEDY. A marvelous cure for Catarrh, Diphtheria, Canker Mouth and Headache. With each bottle there is an ingenious nasal injection for the more successful treatment of the complaint, without extra charge. Price 50 cents. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner. Oct. 1, 1879.

Mme. Demarest's Reliable Patterns; the instructive "What to Wear," 15 cts., and Portfolios, 15 cts., just received by LINS & SCRIGGS. [mar15d&wt]

Whitewater. I will whitewash with either lime or whitening in the best style of the art on reasonable terms. Orders may be left on my slate under Roach & McElroy's store, south side city park. March 31—dlmo Jasse Whitard.

If you are going to Chicago, stop at Mrs. M. E. Willenburgh's boarding house at 46 South Sangamon street, where you will be furnished every accommodation at \$1 and \$2 per day. Dec. 22—d&wt

DIARIES for 1880.—Large variety, embracing all grades from cheap to very fine, at J. M. Stookley & Co's. Dec. 10—d&wt

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March 18, 1880—d&wt

FINE HAND-MADE HAVANA CIGARS

Kepler's Wabash, St. L. and P. No. 1. Kepler's Wabash, St. L. and P. No. 2. Kepler's Wabash, St. L. and P. No. 3. Kepler's Wabash, St. L. and P. No. 4.

SEEK NO FURTHER FOR FINE CIGARS.

KEPLER'S GREAT WABASH LINE OF FINE HAND-MADE HAVANAS is the production we place before the smoking public, and we guarantee these cigars to be just what we say they are; and we boldly say that at their prices they have no superior in the market, nor do we intend they shall have. The W. St. L. & P. No. 1 is a large 5-inch hand-made Havana, made by experts of the best Havana, we have been able to find in the market. No 2 is a very fine hand-made 4 1/2 inch Havana, and as a ten-cent or three for 25 cent cigar, it has no superior. No 3 is the purest Havana hand-made 5 cent cigar that we or any one else can produce for the price, and we guarantee No. 3 equal in merit to two-thirds of the 10-cent cigars in the market. We challenge any expert to cut to pieces No. 3 and examine himself as to the truth of what we have said. No 4 is a fine 5 cent or 10 cent cigar, and contains more fine stock than nine-tenths of the cigars intended to be retailed at 5 cents straight. Fine cigars are better, richer, and more fragrant to smoke when fresh, than when they are made and the workmanship of expert cigar makers. We respectfully solicit a trial. Every cigar warranted a perfect smoker. ANDREW KEPLER. Feb. 25, 1880—d&wt

J. J. PEDDECORD, L. BURROWS, W. M. BOYD.

BANKING HOUSE OF PEDDECORD, BURROWS & CO., JANUARY 1, 1879

—WE HAVE—MONEY TO LOAN IN VARIOUS SUMS ON THE Most Favorable Terms. Secured by Mortgage on Real Estate. We keep a supply of GOVERNMENT BONDS! On hand at all times, which we will sell at the LOWEST MARKET RATES. A general Banking Business transacted, but no interest paid on deposits.

SOAP FACTORY

A man with \$1.50 to \$2.00 can get a half interest in a Soap Factory with a capacity of \$200 profit per week, now located in Chicago. Will remove to Decatur. A rare chance for a live man. Address J. C. POLLOCK, 225 North Wells St., Chicago, Ill. April 7—dl

OFFICE OF WARREN & DUFFEE

REAL ESTATE, INSURANCE, Abstracts of Title

Building Association

Gas Company REMOVED

Into the office of the County Clerk, County Judge, and the Circuit Clerk and Recorder, where they will be found until their office is rebuilt. Feb. 21, 1880—d&wt

SHIRTS.

Wilson Bros. of Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis. Our Ready-Made Shirts bear stamp with Indefatigable Ink on Yoke, thus: Wilson Bros. of Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis. All Others are Falsely Represented. Importing and Jobbing Men's Furnishers. March 13—dlm

MRS. MASTERSON

Has opened dressmaking rooms over BLENZ NEAT MARKET, south of the Fairgrounds, and will be glad to receive the patronage of her old friends. Prices reasonable, and satisfaction guaranteed. Decatur, March 20, 1880—dlmo

Grain Speculation

March 15—dlmo

"Cheap Charley's" Corner.



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GREATLY ENLARGED OUR STOCK. WE CLAIM—and everybody knows that everything we claim, is true, as we are not given to boasting—that we have no equal in our store.

THE LARGEST, THE NEATEST, THE BEST-SELECTED STOCK OF CLOTHING,

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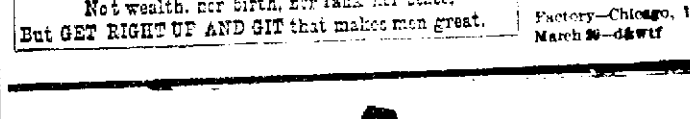
AND WE CLAIM SOME THAT THE PRICES ARE LOWER THAN ANY MAN WILL OFFER, simply because we make the goods ourselves out of material which we purchase before the goods are made.

WE CONTINUE TO SELL, IN RETAIL, AT WHOLESALE PRICE, AND SAVE TO OUR PATRONS THE DIFFERENCE WHICH OTHER RETAILERS HAVE TO PAY THE JOBBER.

HATS, CAPS AND GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS! IN IMMENSE

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Manufacturers of MEN'S AND BOYS' Clothing! Dealers in Goods for Men's Wear. Cor. East Main & Water Sts., DECATUR, Ill. March 26—d&wt



The City Railway, Chicago, works 4,760 horses. Read what Supt. SQUIRES has to say: We use exclusively Whittier's Liniment. It will pay all owners of horses to call or write, M. W. SQUIRES, Supt. C. C. R. Co.

The Express Company work 370 horses. Read what Supt. KNIGHT has to say: I have been using Liniment on the horses of the American and U. S. Express Co's stables for 24 years. I never met any that had one-tenth the merit of Whittier's Liniment. Our stables are open; call and see for yourself. H. KNIGHT, Supt. U. S. Ex. Co.

Read what Graves & Lomis, the largest breeders of horses in the State of Illinois, have to say: For thirty years we have been using all kinds of liniment manufactured for horses, and of all the liniments Whittier's stands at the head of the list for Scratches, Galled Heels, Sprains, Galled Spots, and Sores of any kind. It will give all horsemen satisfaction. GRAVES & LOMIS.

Scratches, Galled Heels, Thrush, Galled Spots, from any cause, heal up in from two to three applications, and you can work the horse every day, and you can cure him at the same time. It will take out all inflammation in a few moments.

There is no remedy on earth that equal Whittier's Liniment for RHEUMATISM.

It will have the same effect upon the human. Piles, Scrofula, Swell Head, Catarrh, Pimples on Face or Body, Old Sores or Fresh Cuts.

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## LINCOLN.

How He Had a Picture Taken at Bloomington.

A Bloomington correspondent of the St. Louis Times says:

Perhaps the finest and most correct picture ever taken of Abraham Lincoln as he appeared when he was a practicing lawyer at the Bloomington bar is on exhibition at the office of Lyman Ferre, an intimate friend of the martyr President. The history of the picture is as follows: One day when Lincoln (who at that time was 37 years of age) was attending Court in Bloomington, the late Dr. William Hobbs, who was an intimate and warm friend of the martyr President, prevailed on Lincoln to visit a gallery and have his picture taken. In those days there were no such things as photographs, and after Lincoln seated himself in an old rush-bottom chair, the country artist proceeded to take an ambrotype of the good-natured, story-telling young man who was destined in after years to become one of the greatest men of the age. Lincoln was dressed in a very common suit of clothes, of a dark color, and pretty well worn. He wore an old-fashioned stock, with a turn down collar, and upon the bosom of his shirt were to be seen two very plain shirt-studs. His hair was uncombed, and stood up in all directions, as though it had a very limited acquaintance with the hands of the barber. He took his seat, assuming the same position as though he was in a court room trying a law-suit. In his right hand he held a letter, which he had no doubt received but a short time before entering the gallery, a portion of the direction being exposed to view, and the inscription easily read after the picture was taken. Lincoln jumped up from his chair after the artist had concluded his work, and after having shown the picture said it was no doubt a good one. He then went to the Court House with General Gridley, whom he happened to meet on the street.

After the death of Dr. Hobbs, the picture fell into the hands of James Walton, and after the death of Mr. Walton became the property of Mr. Lyman Ferre, where it remained until after the marriage of his daughter Belle to Mr. W. E. Taylor, of Cleveland, Ohio, who, a few months ago, carried the ambrotype to that city, where it was exposed to life size in crayon by the well known artist, Mr. Waterman. The picture, no doubt, is the most correct and valuable one ever taken of Lincoln, at that time of life, and is greatly prized by Mr. Ferre, not only as a work of art but as a memento of old times. The picture, no doubt, will pass into history and its taking become an interesting incident in the earlier life of Lincoln, at the time when he was standing on the verge of his youthful manhood.

JAY GOULD is credited in Wallstreet with having bought recently 70,000 shares of New York Central railroad stock from the syndicate, and there are two opinions as to his purpose in doing so. Some think that he intends to use the stock as a hammer with which to beat down the market, and thus make a general break; but others, with whom we are inclined to agree, see in the purchase an indication of a plan to seize on the position left vacant by Mr. Vanderbilt's retirement, and to become the monarch of a line of railway now reeling from San Francisco to Toledo, and which, by the acquisition of a control of the New York Central road, would be extended to New York. In either case the course of New York Central stock for the next few months must necessarily be uncertain.

DURING the Crimean war Czar Nicholas designed to borrow vast sums of money of the wealthy Russian monasteries, and among others of the Petsherskai Laza, a renowned cloister built over the Kiev catacombs, which was totally destroyed by fire a few days ago. The patriotic fraternity of Petsherskai lent him majesty five millions of roubles, for which they received a bond entirely written with his own august hand. When the Emperor Alexander last visited Kiev he took occasion to inspect the famous Laza, which contained inestimable treasures in the way of documents connected with the early history of Russia. The prior, deeming the occasion opportune for obtaining payment of the loan granted some twenty years previously to his majesty's father, extracted the bond from the jeweled casket in which it had been reverently preserved, and handed it to the Czar with a profound obeisance. Alexander pressed the parchment to his lips, exclaiming, "In this you possess, indeed, a treasure worth ten times the sum it represents," and gazed fondly on the lines traced by his father's pen. The prior's heart beat high with hope that his sovereign would keep the bond and straightway ordain payment of the loan, perhaps even of the accumulated interest upon the original principal. To his crushing disappointment, however, the emperor handed him the bond, ejaculating with a voice shaken by emotion, "No, no. I will not rob you of this priceless treasure. Keep it as a thing holy, of far greater value than all your relics of saints and martyrs. It is my father's own handwriting—you have not purchased it too dearly."

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## The Indiana Democracy and the Negro.

There was a disgraceful riot at Shelbyville, Indiana, on Monday, over an attempt of the democracy to prevent colored men from voting. One of the latter presented himself at the polls, and was challenged by a democrat, who swore that no "damned nigger" should cast a vote in Shelbyville. An affidavit was made to the colored man's qualifications, and when he again presented himself he was sat upon by a set of democratic hoodlums, who ran him off the square, threatening to kill him if he attempted to vote, at the same time using clubs on a white man who took the negro's part.

After the wronged man was cared for and the excitement somewhat abated another negro, who has lived in the state all his life, went up to vote, the same action was taken as before. The democratic mob, headed by Lee Amesen, county treasurer, swearing that not another nigger should vote, commenced beating the negro and dragging him out into the middle of the street, where he was almost killed. While Amesen was urging on his ruffians he was hit over the head with a club wielded by a republican, which laid him out, tearing his scalp open five inches. The would-be assassin, seeing their leader down, started for the man who did the goodly act, shouting to "Hang him!" "Murder him!" But the man made good his escape or he would have been slaughtered on the spot. Following this George Spragg, a great bully and shoulder-biter of the Amesen clan, attacked Daniel Naeff, a mere pigmy of a man, beating him almost to death. The democratic officers stood silently by, never offering to interfere, one of them taking part in the beating of the negro. The court house was turned into a democratic saloon, and the negroes were driven from the polls. The gang which did this was led by and supported by the democratic officers. The day had been one of continual bloodshed and building. Republicans to-night were ordered off the sidewalk, their lives being threatened if they refused. Helpless men were confronted with revolvers and knives, and peaceful men who never interrupt any one were assaulted in the most brutal manner. Amesen, who is lying in a critical condition, is the man who led the mob which attacked the immigrant train here in December. He and his clan may justly be termed a set of desperadoes who are a disgrace to the county and to the state. They acted to-day as their fiendish natures guided them, planting in the very center of Indiana a species of kukluxism that would put to shame any southern state.

RAILROADING.

Industrially Journal.

Railroading has now become a profession, a science, and those who expect promotion must study and learn what are the requisites to be an efficient railroad man. There are now in operation, in the United States alone, nearly 85,000 miles of railways, operated by some 600 different companies. Their trains stop at over 20,000 different stations. Along their lines fly some 18,000 locomotives, drawing 13,000 passenger cars, 5,000 baggage, mail and express cars, and 500,000 freight cars of all kinds. How many men are engaged in carrying on the vast service which these figures indicate? No reliable statistics have been given, but we will assume some figures. Say engineers and firemen, 40,000; passenger train conductors and brakemen, 20,000; baggage, mail express car men, 20,000; freight conductors and brakemen, 50,000. These figures may be too small, but they aggregate 130,000 men daily running on trains! Add station agents and clerks, say 75,000, employees in car and locomotive shops and round houses, train dispatchers, telegraph operators, yardmen, roadmasters and trackmen, flagmen and watchmen, freight handlers, and the numerous other classes of workers, and we have a grand total of not less than 500,000—half a million—men employed in conducting the railway service of the country. Now a large per cent. of railroad employees desire and many hope for promotion; this depends largely on the employee himself. Besides a willingness to work, intelligence, knowledge, and an economical turn are necessary. The man who works to kill time and draw his salary monthly, caring nothing for the general interest of the company which employs him, need not expect promotion.

The gubernatorial fight.

Alton Telegraph.

The Chicago Times says that the fight for the Republican nomination for Governor lies between Gen. Rinalter and Gen. J. C. Smith. We believe there is considerable truth in this prediction. Since they entered the field both these gentlemen have been making a surprisingly successful canvass, and the contest may narrow down to them a single ballot will decide. The outlook is certainly in the direction indicated by the Times, but a State convention is the most uncertain locality a candidate strikes during his campaign.

To My Country Friends.

I wish to inform the public, especially my country friends, that I have leased the old "American House," corner of South Water and Wood streets, and have taken possession of the same. I will continue in the restaurant business at said place, which is much more suitable in all respects than the old stand. Good rooms for sleeping accommodations, and meals at all hours. Soliciting the patronage of my former customers, and as many new ones as will favor me with a call, I remain, Mrs. M. E. AVERETT.

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ELECTION FIGURES.

Interesting Foreign News.

TOLEDO, O., April 8.—Cora, 39¢. Wheat \$1.22.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 7.—The state election resulted in no choice for governor and lieutenant governor, the democrats having polled considerable votes in the latter part of the day. Returns from 32 towns including one ward in this city, give Littlefield 6,250; Kimball (Dem.) 4,290; Howard, Prohibition and Independent Rep., 2,811. Towns generally exhibit an irregular and surprising result. Some Democratic districts show Republican success, and strong Republican towns divide their vote among the three candidates. Newport gives Littlefield 448; Howard 432, and Kimball 216. The Republican candidates for secretary of state, attorney general and treasurer are elected by about the usual majority, there being no third candidate for those offices. The general assembly will be three-fourths Republican, insuring the election of Littlefield.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, April 7.—The Republican primaries to select delegates to the county convention, to meet in this city Friday next, were held here to-night. Party lines were drawn between Grant and Blaine, the Grant men carrying every ward. Pottawatomie county will send solid Grant delegates to the state convention.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., April 7.—The Republicans state convention met to-day, with Amos S. Treat as chairman. A resolution favoring the nomination of Edmunds or Washburne was withdrawn, a war-like spirit being opposed to instruction.

Henry C. Robinson, John M. Douglas, Augustus Brandagee and Samuel Fessenden were chosen as delegates at large.

The convention pledged the vigorous support of the nominee at the Chicago convention. It is stated that the delegation stands, Blaine 5, Edmunds 4, Washburne 3.







